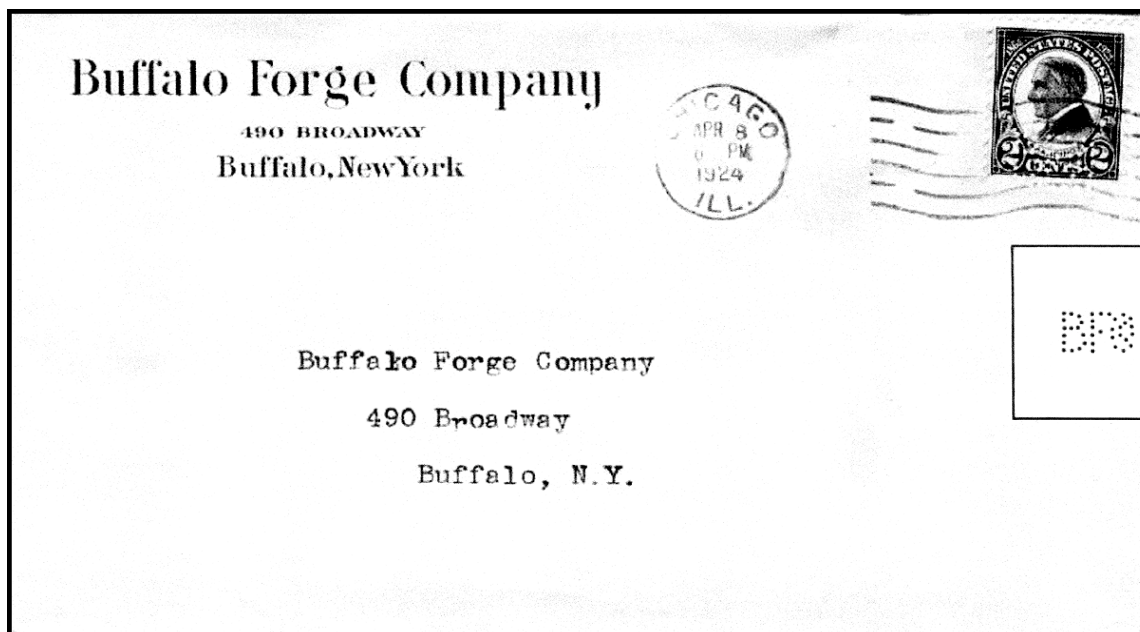


Buffalo Forge Company in Chicago?

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Somewhere along the years, I acquired a number of covers from the Buffalo Forge Company of 490 Broadway, Buffalo, New York. All of the covers were similar in that they were pale blue and they were franked with 2c black Harding stamps. Since I

retired, I have been slowly sorting out my philatelic holdings (i.e., formerly known as "that mess in the garage"). In selling off the duplicates, like everyone else, I sold off the nicer appearing material first. Then I turned my attention to the remainder.



The cover shown immediately above is a part of the remainder and, unfortunately, I never really looked closely at it prior to getting rid of the other five or six covers from this company. I never noticed that this cover had a Chicago, Illinois, postmark while the rest were postmarked in Buffalo New York. I immediately referred to the Catalog of United States Perfins and looked up pattern B112 [BFC(o)]. Actually, I turned to the supplemental section as soon as I noticed the 'x' in the supplemental data column. Expecting to find a Windy City listing, I

was disappointed to only see "Buffalo Steam Pump Company, Buffalo, N.Y."

Considering that the illustrated cover was addressed to the company, it is highly probable it was a report being sent home from an employee on the road and, as such, is probably not a candidate for correcting the existing listing. However it is another lesson relearned, check everything the first time that you handle it.